ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Grahame House

MAGI #1650262411

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 26/10/10 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 15
West Montgomery Ave. H.D. F-13

4. Address: 107 North Adams Street, Rockville

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status unoccupied
Accessible no
Present use unoccupied

Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Historical Sites
1974 Rockville Historic District Comm.
Federal State X County X Local X

6. Date: 1846-1847

7. Original Owner: John Brewer

8. Apparent Condition

a. deteriorated b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This square frame house is composed of two rectangular gable roofed sections whose ridgelines run perpendicular to one another. The

house is sheathed in wood lap siding painted white.

The original section is now the rear, or east block. It is $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories high with a fieldstone and brick basement. It is two bays by three bays and has brick interior end chimneys on the north and south gable ends and a slightly pitched gable roof. The two $2\frac{1}{2}$ story, four bay by one bay front (west) block also has a gable roof, although it is more steeply pitched. On the front facade is a three bay gable-roofed full height entrance portico with square Roman Doric columns.

- 10. Significance: This house is believed to be the only Greek Revival style structure in Rockville. The house is located on Lot 80 of the original Town of Rockville, platted in 1803. In 1846 John Brewer purchased Lot 80 and 5 other lots. He built the house and then sold Lot 80 the next year. In 1849 merchant and tavernkeeper John Braddock, Jr. bought it. After his death c. 1856, it changed hands three times before being bought by Mary Dodd in 1884. Mary Dodd already owned considerable real estate in Rockville, including the adjoining house (101 North Adams). She gave the property to her niece Clara, who installed indoor water and plumbing, and added a three sided bay and porch on the south, then renting it out. The house was bought by J. Darby Bowman and his wife in 1923; they lived there until 1954. It was then sold to Arthur Grahame, and after his death in 1977 to the present owners.
- 1. Researcher and date researched: Anne W. Cissel-9/79

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12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation Approval____

15. Acreage: \(\frac{1}{4}\) acre

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

HISTORIC						
AND/OR COMMON						
	Grahame House					
LOCATION						
STREET & NUMBER						
CITY, TOWN	107 North Adams Str	07 North Adams Street CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT				
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STATE	10010 1110		COUNTY			
	Maryland		Montgomery			
CLASSIFIC	ATION					
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESE	ENT USE		
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM		
XBUILDING(S)	$\frac{X}{2}$ PRIVATE	X _UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK		
STRUCTURE	вотн	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENC		
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS		
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC		
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED X_NO	INDUSTRIAL MILITARY	TRANSPORTATIONXOTHER:unoccup		
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CONDITION

X_DETERIORATED

_UNALTERED

X_ORIGINAL SITE

CHECK ONE

__GOOD

__EXCELLENT

__RUINS

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The original section is now the rear, or east block. It is $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories in height with a fieldstone and brick basement underneath, 2-bays by 3-bays, brick interior end chimneys on the north and **south** facades, and a gently pitched gable roof. Windows in this block are six-over-six double-hung (the majority with original glass) flanked by narrow trim and green louvered shutters. There is a one-story flat-roofed screened porch on the south facade; this has doors at both the east and west ends. There is a small one-story addition on the northeast corner; it has wide beaded siding and a cinderblock foundation.

The two-and-a-half story, four-bay by one-bay front (west) block also has a gable roof, although it is more steeply pitched and the cornice is returned. The low foundation is of fieldstone and brick, and is parged. The windows on the front are one-over-one double-hung, and the two south bays are accentuated with wainscotting below. The windows in the front block have a wider trim than those in the rear. The north facade has a few small windows asymmetrically placed. There is a one-story flat-roofed mitred bay on the southwest corner which runs into the side porch, both of which were added in the early 1900s.

On the front (west) facade is a three-bay gable-roofed full height entrance portico with square Roman Doric columns. Both the entrance door and the door directly above it to the porch are glass and wood paneled.

The overgrown yard contains mature trees and plantings, a small board and batten garage, deteriorating picket fencing, and a front brick sidewalk at the street.

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SPECIFIC DAT	ES 1846-7	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is located on Lot 80 of the original Town of Rockville, platted in 1803. This area had been surveyed for Arthur Nelson as "Exchange and New Exchange" in 1719, and subdivided by William Prather Williams as the new town of "Williamsburgh" in 1784.

In 1846 John Brewer purchased Lot 80 and five other lots at a tax sale, paying \$200 for the six lots. When he sold Lot 80 to James Hawkins the following year, he received \$700 for the property, "with improvements, outbuildings and appurtenances." 3 Hawkins sold the property to merchant and tavernkeeper John Braddock, Jr., two years later.4

After Braddock's death, the house and Lots 80 and 81 were purchased by the risher family. ⁵ Cornelia Fisher Bohrer purchased the two lots following her divorce from her husband Alexander, 6 and lived there until her death in 1874. Cornelia left the property to her sister Anna Fisher Offutt and her husband Hilleary L. Offutt, who lived there until his death in 1879. The property, described as "a comfortable two-story frame dwelling house," was sold to Mary Dodd in 1884.7

Mary Dodd already owned considerable real estate in Rockville, including the adjoining house, now 101 N. Adams. She disposed of Lots 80 and 81 in separate transactions. Lot 80 went to her niece Clara Fowler with the proviso that if Clara did

not marry or had no children the property would revert to the family.

Clara did not marry until 1897 when she became the second wife of Remus Darby. They had three children of their own, but as mistress of his large farm near Buck Lodge and step-mother to another five children, Clara rented the house. She installed indoor water and plumbing, and added a three-sided bay and porch on the south side of the house. Adams Street was convenient to the courthouse, expanding business district, and to the railroad station. The laying of brick sidewalks in 1888 added to the desirability of this location.

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FOOTNOTES:

- Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, Liber 188 (1803)
- 2. Ibid., STS 2/27 (1846)
- 3. Ibid., ST 2/340 (1847)
- 4. Ibid., STS 4/178 (1849)
- 5. Ibid., EBP 1/269 (dated 1856, recorded 1864)
- Ibid., EBP 1/270 (1864) 6.
- 7. Ibid., EBP 32/288 (1884)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

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Following Clara's death in 1916, the property was described as Land improved by an 8-room frame dwelling and other buildings, ... was a few years ago remodeled to considerable expense, over \$1,700...with modern conveniences such as water bath, etc."8

The seller stated that the property was now rented but that repairs and insurance made its income small. The house was sold to Porter Ward at public auction for 4,050, and was resold in 1923 to J. Darby Bowman and his wife, 10 The house was occupied by the Bowmans until 1954, when it was sold to Arthur Grahame. The present owners purchased the property in 1977 following Grahame's death.

FOOTNOTES:

- 8. Montgomery County Equity Records, Case #3555, Judgment PBP 22/409.
- 9. Land Records, op. cit., 288/72 (1919) .
- 10. Ibid., 340/272 (Oct. 28, 1923).
- 11. Ibid., 1971/537 (Sept. 16, 1954).

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Land and Equity Records of Montgomery County, Maryland Maps: Martenet and Bond (1865); Hopkins Atlas (1879)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one-quarter acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 80, Original Town of Rockville (as per Liber 188, Land Records)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Anne W. Cissel	Eileen McGuckian - Architectural
ORGANIZATION	DATE Description
Sugarloaf Regional Trails	9/79
STREET & NUMBER	TELÉPHONE
Box 87	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
lickerson	Maryland 20753

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